

# Sunday Ceremony to Unite E.U.B. and Methodist Church

By HELEN WEIERSHAUSER  
Muscatine citizens will need to learn to use the term WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH from now on referring to the former First Methodist church, corner of Fourth Street and Iowa Ave.; and they will no longer call the Evangelical United Brethren church, corner of Sixth Street and Iowa Ave., by that name. It will from now on be called the Otterbein UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday evening, May 19, at 7 o'clock, the 512 member First

Evangelical United Brethren church of Muscatine and the 1,458 member First Methodist church will be united in a marriage of fellowship and unity in a service at Wesley Methodist church along with the Musserville United Methodist church of 211 members; the High Prairie United Methodist church of 106 members; the Spangler Chapel United Methodist church of 187 members; the Sweetland United Methodist church of 238 members; the Park Avenue Methodist church of 131 members; and

the Island Methodist church of 170 members. The local merger will be solemnized at that time, although the national merger of the Evangelical United Brethren churches and the Methodist churches took place at a uniting conference in Dallas, Texas, April 22 of this year forming the United Methodist church.

The name change from First Methodist was necessary because there would have been two first Methodist churches—the United Brethren church was known as the First Evangelical United Brethren church. The name Otterbein Methodist was chosen for a Rev. Otterbein who was one of the early founders of the United Brethren church. His name has the same importance to the history of that denomination as the name Wesley has in Methodist history.

The members of the First Methodist church voted on the name change from a list of five: Asbury United Methodist church, Epworth United Methodist church, Wesley United Methodist church, St. John United Methodist church, and St. Paul United Methodist church. The name Wesley United Methodist won by a large majority of the votes.

Muscatine was known as the little town of Bloomington in 1839 when a young missionary by the name of Rev. Brace, representing the Rock River Conference of Illinois, rode here on horseback and organized a Methodist class in this pioneer settlement along the river. That class of seven members grew into the First Methodist church, (Wesley) now located at Fourth Street and Iowa Ave.

If Rev. Brace could see the congregation now he would be more than a little amazed at the size! According to an early history, Rev. Brace preached his first sermon in a small building enclosed without a floor or plaster. Bloomington (Muscatine) had less than 200 inhabitants then, and the Recording Steward was not too optimistic about them! (He evidently thought they were a pretty wild crowd. He recorded in the minutes of the quarterly meeting, "Here in the ends of the earth the citizens are much addicted to Sabbath breaking, grog drinking, gambling and swearing. O Thou who holdest the destiny of nations in Thy hand, send Salvation to Bloomington.")

The United Brethren church (now Otterbein United Methodist) also has a long history in this community. April 23, 1850, a boat landed in the town of Muscatine.

The Girls' Glee Club will present "Tom Dooley," "Good News," and "Drunken Sailor." The ninth Grade Small Group will present, "Goin' Out of My Head."

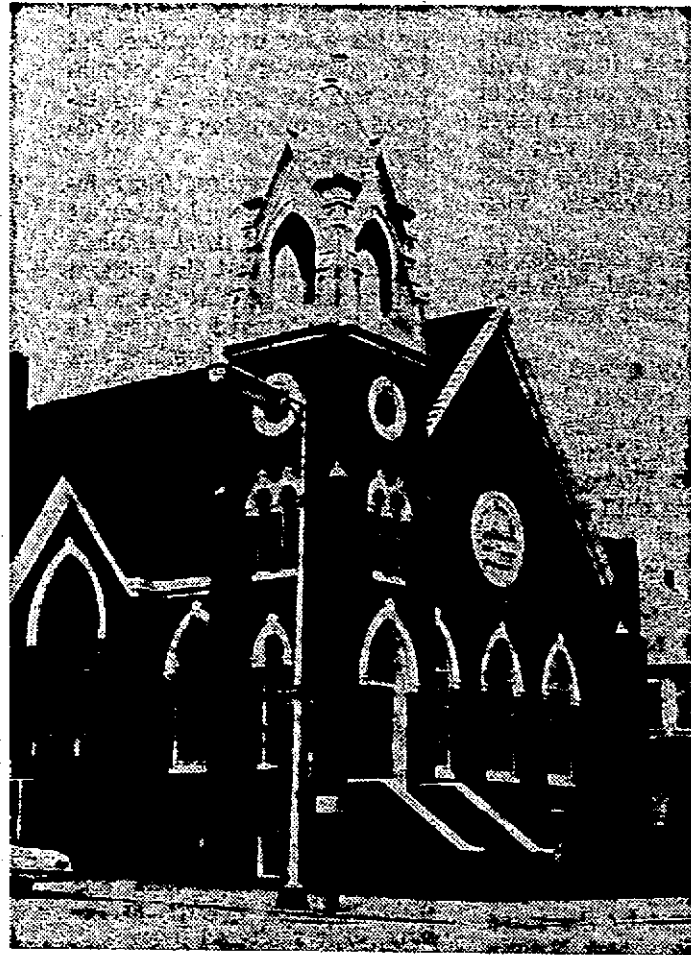
The Mixed Trio will sing "What Now My Love," and "Girl from Ipanema." The trio is composed of Joyce Hahn, Chris Oest, and Tim Miller. The Girls' Glee Club will sing "Whistle a Happy Tune," "Do Re Mi," and "Climb Every Mountain" with Sally Axel as soloist. "My Cup Runneth Over," and "Talk to the Animals," with Chris Oest.

The Seventh and Eighth Grade Small Group will sing "Windy."

The Ninth Grade Chorus will sing "Baili Hai," "The Night They Invented Champagne," "Sound of Music," and "Georgy Girl."

## Clayton Carver Home on Leave

Navy Seaman Calyton C. Carver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carver, 236 Mulberry Ave. Muscatine, is presently home on 14 day leave after completing Navy recruit training at Great Lakes, Ill. After his leave he reports to fleet training center, Newport R.I. where he will commence Quartermaster "A" school on June 24. He was enlisted as a Seaman Junior College, having completed two years of Junior college.



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## 'Cabaret' Theme for Central Junior High Spring Concert

"Cabaret" is the theme of the Central Junior High school vocal and instrumental spring concert to be presented Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30.

The band program will include "The Gallant Men," Overture to the comic opera "Das Pensionat," "Minuet and Trio," B flat clarinet solo by Patricia Terry with Peggy Ross as accompanist. "Kid Stuff," "Civil War Suite" 1. The Gathering Clouds—II. All Quiet Along the Potomac Tonight—III. When Johnny Comes Marching Home; "Three Blind Mice," B flat clarinet trio by Janet Sandburg, Debbie Pool, Delynn Price, and accompanied by Pam Gjertson; "Original Dixieland Concert," and "Dry Bones."

## Leggett's Bond Set at \$7,500

Shelby F. Leggett, 24, accused of the armed robbery of the Target service station in Moline late Thursday, was ordered remanded to the Rock Island county jail Friday after arraignment on a charge of armed robbery. Police arrested Leggett in a car near the foot of the Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge minutes after receiving a report of a holdup.

Bond was set at \$7,500. Leggett, from San Angelo, Texas, has reportedly been living in a Muscatine motel for about three weeks. About \$10 was taken in the holdup.

## Flags Are Up For Armed Forces Day

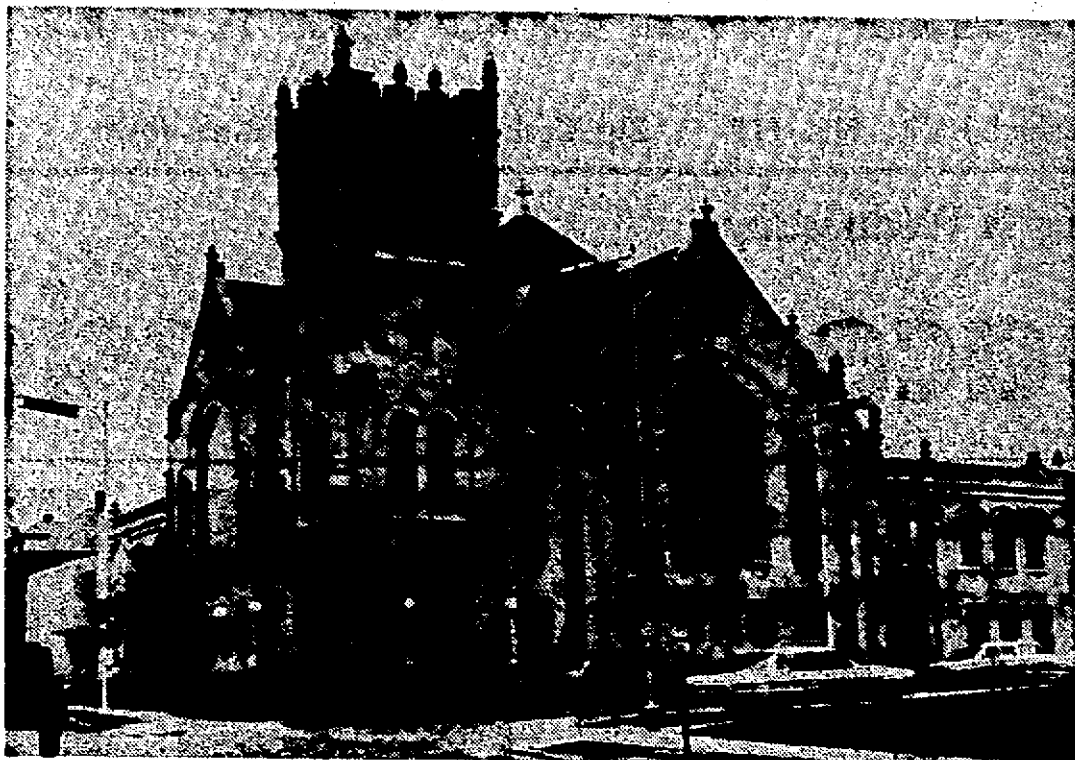
American flags are flying in Muscatine today in observance of Armed Forces Day.

## Public Installation Sunday for Rainbow

A public installation of officers of Rainbow for Girls will be held Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. at the Masonic temple.

## 20th CENTURY CLUB

The Twentieth Century Club will meet at the Hotel Muscatine for luncheon at 1 p.m. on Tuesday.



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catine, and a group of United Brethren people disembarked from Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Muscatine had about 3,000 inhabitants at that time. Others of the United Brethren faith had arrived earlier, but had joined already established churches. So the group from Pennsylvania began the labor of organizing and carrying on a United Brethren church in Muscatine.

First, they secured homes and employment, then they invited into their homes ministers of the United Brethren faith in the Iowa conference. (Already some churches had been established and conference organized.) Rev. L. McVey came and preached and when the conference met in August, 1850, Muscatine was connected with the Grand View Mission, and Rev. Eberhart and L. McKinney were appointed to the two fields. Then came the

need for a place of worship. A lot was bought at 509 East Sixth Street, and a foundation 36 by 59 feet was laid. This basement was finished and under a roof before winter. Rev. J. E. Lindsey was the presiding elder and two pastors were circuit riders. Thus began a history of a denomination in Muscatine that has served for 117 years.

The institutional history of Methodism began with the Christmas Conference of 1784. Within half a generation the United Brethren in Christ church was organized. In 1816 the Evangelical Association was formed—1828 marked the creation of the Methodist Protestant church—1844 saw Methodism divided into north and south. In 1892 the United Evangelical Church came into being. In 1922 the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical church united & 1939 brought the three

branches of Methodism into the Methodist church. In 1946 the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical church accepted the bonds of union, becoming the Evangelical United Brethren church.

April 22, 1968, brought the Evangelical United Brethren church and the Methodist church into the United Methodist church.

The new church organization has 11,035,313 members (549,035 overseas members) in 42, 144 churches, having 33,296 ministers and 7,394 accepted supplies. There are 1,705,376 members in the women's groups, 10,965 in the men's groups. They have 112 colleges and universities, 14 theological seminaries, 87 hospitals, 200 homes for the aged, youth and children. They also own \$5,100,855,314 in church property and have a benevolence program of \$130,260,000 with 1,424 overseas missionaries.

The United Methodist church of 11,035,313 members is the second largest Protestant denomination in the United States. The Southern Baptists have the largest number of members, 11,142,726.

## Cars Are Damaged Friday In Four City Accidents

Muscatine police investigated four auto accidents late Friday, one of which resulted in head cuts for a Muscatine man, Robert Charles Woolsey, 31, 161 Cliffford street, who was treated and released at Muscatine General hospital.

Woolsey was driving a car east on 8th street near Chestnut street at 10:15 p.m., when he struck a parked car on 8th street, shoving it across a sidewalk, it was reported by police. The parked car was registered to Albert Stevens, 304 E. 7th street.

Damages included the right front end of the Woolsey vehicle, and the left rear end and bumper of the Stevens car.

Woolsey was scheduled to appear in local courts on a charge of failure to control his vehicle. There was an accident at 10:55 p.m. in which damages included the left rear end of a car driven by Ermin Jennings, state conservation officer, 2852 Highland Court, Muscatine, according to police.

Driver of the other car was Nancy Sue Garrison, 17, 500 Lorenz street, Muscatine. It was damaged in the left front end. Police reported that Jennings was traveling west on Park Drive near Oak Drive, and that Nancy Garrison was traveling east around a curve on Park Drive, when the accident happened.

Jennings steered his car to the right on the street and halted in attempting to avoid collision, and his car then was struck by the Garrison vehicle, it was reported.

John Albert Dollman, 17, 530 Mulberry Ave., Muscatine, and

Burdette Bergen, 15, 9 Alleyne Drive, Muscatine, were in a traffic accident at 4:21 p.m. at Chestnut and 5th streets.

Dollman was traveling east on 5th street, and Bergen was traveling north on Chestnut street, when the two collided at the intersection, it was reported. Damages included the right rear end and left side of the Dollman car, and the front end of the Bergen car.

Beverly Winn, 52, 401 Fairview Ave., and Walter Wallace Lucas, 42, 215 W. 5th street, were in an accident at 4:02 p.m. on East 5th street.

Beverly Winn was traveling west on East 5th street and stopped to avoid striking a pedestrian, and Lucas was following, when the collision occurred, reported police.

## Memorial Service Planned at Eliza

Memorial Day services will be held at the Eliza Creek cemetery on Sunday, May 26 at 2 p.m.

Volunteers will be welcome to help clean the church on Saturday afternoon, May 25.



## GARDENING

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## Toastmaster District 19 Conference in Muscatine

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There are 71 Toastmaster clubs in District 19 (which includes Iowa and the Illinois portion of the Quad-Cities) with more than 1,400 members.

Max W. Churchill of Muscatine is the Toastmaster District Governor, and the home club of the governor is customarily the site of the spring conference and district speech contest.

The Toastmaster sessions started at the Elks club with a "hi-jinks" luncheon at noon. There will be educational and business sessions this afternoon. The governor's banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by the speech contest with one participant from each of the eight Toastmaster areas in District 19.

The speech contestants include Ben Hogan of Waterloo, Sam Zickelsoe of Ames, Ran-



MAX CHURCHILL

dall Winters of Des Moines, Ed Ritter of Creston, Rodney Larson of Webster City, Ben Hermann of DeWitt, David Hopley of Moline and William Chandler of Chariton.

Cleon Babcock of Des Moines has been nominated by the nominating committee as the candidate for district governor. He is presently the lieutenant-governor.

Ladies attending were scheduled to tour the Laura Musser Art Gallery and Museum and go sight-seeing.

## Accountants Plan Meeting Here Wednesday

Southeastern Iowa Members of the Accountants Association of Iowa will discuss methods of improving accounting services to clients at a meeting Wednesday at the Elms restaurant, Muscatine.

K. O. Disterhoft of Davenport, district director for the AAI, said officers of the state association also would be present to talk on program plans for 1968-69. The dinner meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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